

The test is an attempt to identify a suitable chemical treatment for Mazingo's algae-ridden lake, the culprit of the musty odors and something caused by extended

City Manager Greg McDanel said coordinating with other groups like the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to identify a suitable treatment of lake is also a

“Staff and PeopleService, Inc.

For some residents, any solution to the current water available would be an improvement.

With delays in water turnover another inherent result, it could be a week or more before changes in the plant's water system are also noticeable in the city's water once treatment is finished.

# Community hopes to curb drunk driving

The program that has had the greatest impact on students driving under unsafe conditions is the Safe Ride Home program. The free service was implemented in 2004 and provides shuttle services from campus to local businesses during the day and individual transport back to campus from



Nearly 29 lives are lost every day in the United States to alcohol-impaired vehicle crashes, despite more than one-third decrease nationwide in the last 30 years.

One of Green's focuses on the drunk driving related education on campus is that the designated driver is not the least drunk member of the group; a designated driver must be completely sober. University Police and the Wellness Center work with local bars to provide

"It's really a great program that is focused on going into spring break as safely as possible, which includes prevention for consumption and driving," health educa-

## During Safe Spring Break

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# New athletic center dedicated to Harr family

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The university recently dedicated the Student-Athlete success center to honor both the legacies of John Harr and his son Dr. Patrick Harr.

The center was renamed as the Harr Student-Athlete Success Center, Jan. 13. The Student-Athlete Success Center, located in the old fitness center, is a space designed for student athletes to work on their academic work.

Associate Athletic Director Scott Nielson said the original focus of the renaming was to honor the legacy of Dr. Patrick Harr, the University's team physician who provides his services free of charge.

"The best way to summarize (Harr's) impact (was that) any time there was an injury to a student athlete at Northwest, Dr. Harr was going to be a part of that," Nielson said.

However, it became more evident both Dr. Harr and his father, John Harr, a history professor, should be recognized by the University.

"It started early with conversations with 'What's the best way to honor his legacy,' really as that Dr. Harr focus, but then as conversations continued to grow his father's impact on the University kind of kept coming up in those conversations too and I think we all collectively realized that we just kind of need to be more than just Pat," Nielsen said. "It needed to be the legacy that both he and his father share."

That made it easy to dedicate the Student-Athlete Success Cen-



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Dr. Patrick Harr accepts the dedication of the new Northwest Harr Student-Athlete Success Center honoring the legacy of him and his father.

ter to the Harrs.

"When we think about what Dr. Harr is with team doctor, what is father John is as a faculty member here, we felt like (the student Athlete success center) was an appropriate space," Nielson said. "It focused on academics but also focused on student athletes."

The importance of the building is also important to Pat Harr himself.

"If (the athletes) do well in the classroom, they will do well on the

field. And if they are struggling in the classroom, that might affect the way they play," Harr said. "Having a place that they can assure their academic success; that's a huge, huge thing."

The naming of the building ranks right at the top of achievements for Harr.

"There are not a lot of things that have people's names attached to them," Harr said. "I've done a lot of things. I was nation-

al president of my medical specialty, chairmen of the board for two years there and inducted into three sports hall of fames, but this pretty much tops the list of everything. Plus it recognizes my dad as well and that's huge."

Overall, Harr is grateful for the

opportunity, but he noted it would have been even better if his dad was with him.

"We are really appreciative of the university doing this," Harr said. "I wish my dad could be here to enjoy it."

## Local aviation club hosts Vietnam pilot, photographer to showcase photos

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Local experimental aircraft association hosted Bill Medsker to present photographs he took serving as a pilot during the Vietnam War.

Hawk Road Flyer Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1540 presented this at the Northwest Missouri Regional Airport Thursday and was open to the public.

President of Chapter 1540 and son to the speaker, Doug Medsker said the public enjoys seeing the history that Bill Medsker went through. Doug Medsker's favorite part of Bill Medsker's presentation is getting to see what it was like for him.

"When you see (Vietnam War) on TV, it's not the same, and you feel like you were kind of there with him," Doug Medsker said. "We want to hold meetings like that and have kids out here at a young age and teach them what an airplane is and what it can do."

Bill Medsker has been a part of Chapter 1540 for 20 years. He has given this presentation several

times before, but this was his first time presenting to Chapter 1540.

"When I first came back in the '70s, I made quite a few presentations to clubs and different organizations, and then just people weren't interested anymore," Bill Medsker said. "In the last probably eight years, it's picked up. People are asking me to see the slides; I don't know why they're more interested in them."

Bill Medsker gave a 30-minute presentation Thursday, only hinting at all of the pictures he took. He has a two-hour presentation and hopes to show it to Chapter 1540 this spring.

"I'd be glad to show them anything if they're interested," Bill Medsker said. "A lot of people didn't carry cameras. I don't know why I did, I had one and I just took pictures. When I'm gone nobody's going to know what they mean or anything."

Bill Medsker wanted those who watched his presentation to learn about the unseen parts of the Vietnam War.

"I didn't take a lot of pictures of our own people which I kind of regret now because I don't have pictures of guys I served with,"



BILL MEDSKER

Bill Medsker said. "I tried to take pictures of the Vietnamese countryside, the way the people lived to make it educational but also to show their side of it."

Maryville resident Edson Tolentino attended Bill Medsker's presentation; he took an interest in observing the landscape of Vietnam during that time period.

"I liked seeing how the American army lived in Vietnam and seeing pictures of the Vietnam War," Tolentino said.

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# New farm-to-table restaurant set to open at Mozingo Lake

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The conference center at Mozingo Lake Recreation Park will be partnering with the Farmhouse restaurant to bring the farm-to-table practice to Maryville.

The new restaurant was announced by City Manager Greg McDanel at the grand opening of the conference center Jan. 2. McDanel says the city has spent over a year recruiting a partner to lease this space out to.

“The restaurant will be a new concept from the owners of the Farmhouse, but will still center around the farm-to-table experience,” McDanel said. “The acquisition of the Farmhouse will elevate all amenities at Mozingo and provide another high-quality restaurant to the community.”

The Farmhouse currently operates a restaurant in Kansas City, Missouri where it works with local farmers to reduce the farming carbon footprint.

The Farmhouse hopes to bring that same concept to Maryville by

partnering up with local farms.

“A minimum of 60-70 percent of the menu will be provided by local farmers,” McDanel said. “This will put money back into our local farmer’s hands while providing a unique and prideful dining experience for our citizens.”

Farmhouse owner Michael Foust says he is excited to be apart of the Maryville community.

Foust will be visiting Maryville Thursday to talk with local farmers who are interested in partnering with the restaurant.

“With our business model, we utilize local farms,” Foust said. “You’re going to see money coming into those local farms through revenue from the restaurant. Adding money into the community only does a little bit, we really want to take part and be apart of the community...”

Foust says he chose to bring his restaurant to Maryville for many reasons. The most prominent reason being quite a few farming partners are already located here.

“It was a natural fit for us with Northwest Missouri State there



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The outdoor patio at Mozingo’s restaurant is expected to be the best in the region, showcasing the views of Mozingo Lake.

and the city of Maryville being so open to us coming up,” Foust said. “The community really welcomed us with open arms.”

The Farmhouse website says the farmers pick organic, non-GMO crops in the morning, deliver the crops to the restaurant and then the restaurant serves the food hours later.

“The menu will also adjust several times a week as it’s dependent upon what the farmers can

produce,” McDanel said. “This will ensure a unique experience each time customers have a meal at the facility.”

McDanel said the space the restaurant is leasing was designed to focus on the views of Mozingo Lake and will feature one of the best outdoor patios in the region.

“The Farmhouse will be a focal piece of the conference center at Mozingo Lake Recreation Park, continuing to highlight and grow

Mozingo as a regional tourist destination,” McDanel said. “The facility now has the opportunity to become the first farm-to-table conference center in the United States, feature farm-to-table catering for events and other partnerships we will be working on through Northwest Missouri State and our local farmers.”

The Farmhouse is expecting to open in April or March.

# Block and Bridle receives money for convention from Student Senate

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Student Senate appropriated \$1,000 to the Block and Bridle organization to help send them to Production in the Palms National Convention.

Block and Bridle is an agriculture and animal science organization, it will be sending five students and one advisor to the convention March 1-4 in Orlando, Florida.

Junior Grant Fagen represented Block and Bridle at the Student Senate meeting Tuesday. He says one of the organizations biggest

concerns was being able to raise enough money to send students.

“It’s going to help us a lot. If we didn’t get that money, we would either have to not take as many kids or ask them to pay more,” Fagen said. “With college kids, they’re not always able to do that. Since Student Senate is helping, we can get more people to have the experience of getting leadership skills to be officers and teach new members.”

Sophomore Alexa Franics also represented Block and Bridle at the Student Senate meeting. Francis said she hopes those attending the convention will learn how to

better inform the Northwest community about agriculture.

“(At the convention) they talk a lot about how agriculture is portrayed as a bad thing,” Francis said. “Through that, they are teaching how to come in and promote (agriculture) as a good thing and tell people what the good is and not be aggressive.”

Block and Bridle takes members who have at least a year left in the organization to convention so those members are better equipped to step into leadership positions.

“There’s a lot of team building and leadership skills gained,” Francis said. “You need leadership

everywhere you go, leadership is always the key to a lot of things. I’m hoping that a lot of leadership is gained.”

Student Senate Vice President Alyssa Lincoln says Block and Bridle will represent Northwest well on the national level.


“It’s an amazing department that we have here, underutilized; they don’t get as much credit as they deserve,” Lincoln said. “They often are self-sufficient, it’s really important that they’re coming here and asking for money to invest in their young leaders... I hope they bring back the ability to educate people on the world of agricul-

ture. Agriculture business is something that dominates every part of our life. I think it’s really important that they bring back the ability to bridge the relationship between the agriculture department and the rest of campus.”

Block and Bridle hosts two to three shows each year, which is where all its fundraising comes from.

“It is our job on campus to represent students and invest in students and student organizations,” Lincoln said. “Students is where the budget comes from, it’s really important to spend that money back on students and organizations.”

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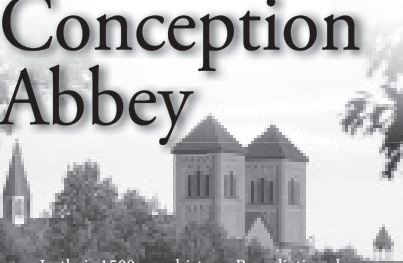
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# Movie remakes are holding back the film industry



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It's 2018 which means it's a new year, a new you and more old movies.

I saw the new Jumanji movie over winter break and saw previews for another movie remake: "A Wrinkle In Time." It seems Hollywood is stuck in a rut, recycling old movies.

This is not the first time Hollywood has recycled a story. Disney has been in a phase of remaking classic films, such as "Beauty and

the Beast," "The Jungle Book" and "The Lion King," and turning them into live action movies. In the last few years, we have seen revivals of series such as "Jurassic Park" and musicals like "Grease" and "The Sound of Music."

Why is Hollywood reusing old movies? Why are we paying to see them?

The answer boils down to two words: money and habit.

Humans are creatures of habit. We like knowing things and we like being set in our ways. We have recycled character arcs and story tropes since the ancient Greeks. Hollywood knows this and uses it to their advantage.

It seems like a cop out. For

these remade movies, they don't have to worry about drawing in a crowd. Fans of the previous film will watch it. The directors and producers plug in a few attractive, popular, usually mediocre (I will say Jumanji, thankfully, avoided this particular trap) actors, add some CGI and call it good.

It is not to say these movies are bad, though some like "Red Dawn" are best forgotten. Most of these remakes turn out all-right. The issues are the fact they are predictable and lack creativity.

Take the remake of "Beauty and the Beast" for example. We all know Belle will be pursued by Gaston, save her father from the Beast and then fall in love with the

Beast. All the while singing and wearing her iconic gold dress.

Yes, some things will be different. Making Belle an inventor is an interesting twist, but not enough to really constitute a whole new movie when we have our animated classic.

It is sad Hollywood seems stuck since there are so many wonderful stories which could be turned into movies.

There are many young adult novels which could make great movies, such as "Cryptid Hunters" by Roland Smith or "The 39 Clues" series. They could seriously franchise "The 39 Clues" since it has 26 books. While Hollywood has a worrisome past of not doing well when turning books into mov-

ies, such as "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief" or "Eragon," they've had a few winners such as "Harry Potter" and "The Hunger Games."

We could also solve this problem by boosting more indie films like "Sisterhood of the Night," a movie about a secret society under fire for sexual assault claims.

Again, it is not about the fact these movies aren't good. The point is while humans like a sense of knowing what is going to happen, we should not be afraid to step out into the unknown.

Film is form of art and needs to change. Film and all its subsets cannot produce great content if we are stuck reusing old ideas.



COLIN VAUGHN | NW MISSOURIAN

OUR VIEW:

## Bearcats can kill drunk driving

In last week's issue of the Missourian, the blotters section of the paper recorded three cases of alleged drunk drivers in Maryville — and these were only the ones who were caught. The loss of a student to a drunk driver shouldn't be what it takes for us to pull together and shut down those who choose to drink and drive, but if we don't do something now then these numbers will only grow.

To the surprise of many, it's not incredibly difficult to stop a friend or party guest from driving with alcohol in their system. Even more surprising, the only solution isn't taking the keys of someone who is drunk.

We need to come together, not only as a town, but as Bearcats, and realize second-party driv-

ing alternatives like Safe Ride exist specifically to avoid drunk students from getting on the roads. We pay for it in our tuition, so ignoring it does double the damage.

Furthermore, with rumors of third-party driving services like Uber making their way to Maryville, soon there won't be an excuse for drunk driving.

Again, we have to remember choosing not to drink and drive isn't something solely up to one person; it's up to the friends we choose to drink with too. Designated drivers are not the least drunk members of the group, they are the ones who are completely sober. The only thing worse than a drunk driver is a drunk designated driver.

The University is doing every-

thing it can to combat more accidents on campus by offering things like Safe Ride and soft drinks to designated drivers, and it is up to us to help.

Even beyond the University is campus Greek Life. Some sororities and fraternities offer their own version of Safe Ride where members can reach out to their sisters or brothers for a ride. Perhaps it is time students outside of Greek Life attempt the same thing. Maybe what our campus needs is a student organization committed to ensuring fellow Bearcats make it home safe and sound.

Somewhere else Bearcats can direct their anti-drunk driving efforts is the root of the problem: the drinking. It isn't about taking away alcohol, it's just about offer-

ing alternatives.

It is easy to look at three DWIs and write it off as something inevitable, or out of our control. It's a pitfall that is not easily avoided, but a pitfall nonetheless.

Imagine each of these drunk drivers, this time, with a name next to it. Not the name of the driver, or the officer who reported the driver. No, put the name of a friend, family member or loved one next to the drunk driver and mark them off as a casualty of 'involuntary manslaughter.' This is what many Bearcats had to do two weekends ago.

If we can't agree to check up on our designated drivers or our friends who choose to drink, then we are only letting the dice roll more and more.

## Comfortable life is at risk because of winter



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Oh, the weather outside is frightful and that has definitely been true over the last few weeks.

The months of December, January and February are the months normally associated with winter, and this whole season is overrated. It is too cold to accomplish anything outside and overall there is nothing really to do.

While it is nice to have a white

holiday season with blankets of snow painting neighborhoods like Hallmark does with their holiday cards, those of us who have to go anywhere have to deal with the atrocious road conditions.

I drive a small car with nothing more than front wheel drive, so the winter months are a terrifying time for me to be out on the road. Just leaving my driveway is a tricky slip and slide to avoid jumping a curb or hitting another vehicle.

Once I am on the road things are going fine until I encounter another vehicle and they are driving like a drunk stumbling around on

New Years Eve. It is like the snow wipes everyone's minds of how to properly operate a vehicle down the road.

This winter has been one of the coldest winters I have ever been around for. The below freezing wind chills of minus 30 degrees to the almost five inches of snow that have fallen in the last three weeks alone.

I like a nice blanket of snow as much as the next guy, but there is a point where I say enough is enough. This winter has been the absolute worst and everything I love to do during the winter has been can-

celled due to the cold weather.

Omaha had to postpone their New Years Eve firework display the minus 30 degrees plus wind chills that hit the area leading up to the new year. It ruined the one thing I enjoyed doing on New Years Eve before starting the new year.

I understand winter is a necessary season; it helps to clear out the old and usher in the new when the spring starts. But I do not know if I can handle another two months of this bitter cold.

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Freshman Mary Grace Rice walking to class Jan. 16. Maryville experienced record low temperatures throughout December and the being of January, the lowest being minus 20 degrees. DARCIE BRADFORD | NW MISSOURIAN

# Maryville experiences record low temperatures

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Maryville is currently exiting a period of some of the coldest temperatures ever recorded.

According to Weather Underground, the recent weather has set records for dates including Dec. 26, 27 and 31.

Records were also set for the first two days of January, with the coldest day being Jan. 2 at minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

The cold weather increases the chances of getting frostbite or hypothermia, both common conditions that stem from cold weather.

Assistant Director of the Wellness Center Judy Frueh explains why this weather is such a problem.

“Some of the biggest problems is we don’t realize how cold it is. We think ‘Ah well, I’m only going to be out there for so long, so it’s not that big of a deal,’ so we don’t dress appropriately, that would probably be the biggest issue,” Frueh said.

The underestimation of how cold it is also contributes to hypothermia and frostbite.

“We all think we are little tougher than we really are, which may not be a big deal until 30 minutes later when they get inside and they realize maybe it was a big

deal or they get out in it and they realize it’s a lot colder than they thought,” Frueh said.

Frueh said Health and wellness services do see a few cases of hypothermia/frostbite this time of year. While getting treatment is encouraged, Frueh says it can be prevented by preparing for the cold.

“Most importantly, if it’s really, really cold, don’t stay out for longer than thirty minutes at a time,” Frueh said.

Frueh explains dressing in layers is key.

“It’s really important to layer,” Frueh said. “The first layer is to wick the sweat so you don’t get wet. And then the next layer is for insulation. And then the third layer needs be more of that repel if your going to get wet.”

Other things, such as proper dieting, can be helpful.

“I think we also underestimate the power of what we are fueling to our system,” Frueh said. “Make sure you’re drinking plenty, (eat foods) high in carbs so that you’re fueled appropriately when you are out there in that weather.”

Humans are not the only the group subjected to cold weather, Animal Control Officer Janell Yapi from The Nodaway Humane Society says cold weather can affect animals too. However, it is not

as much of an issue in Nodaway county.

“On a personal level I’ve seen (cold weather related cases) a lot,” Yapi said. “Here (in Nodaway county) not so much, not weather wise.”

In fact Yapi said people are prepared to help their pets.

“People are really stepping up what they need to do to take care of their pets,” Yapi said.

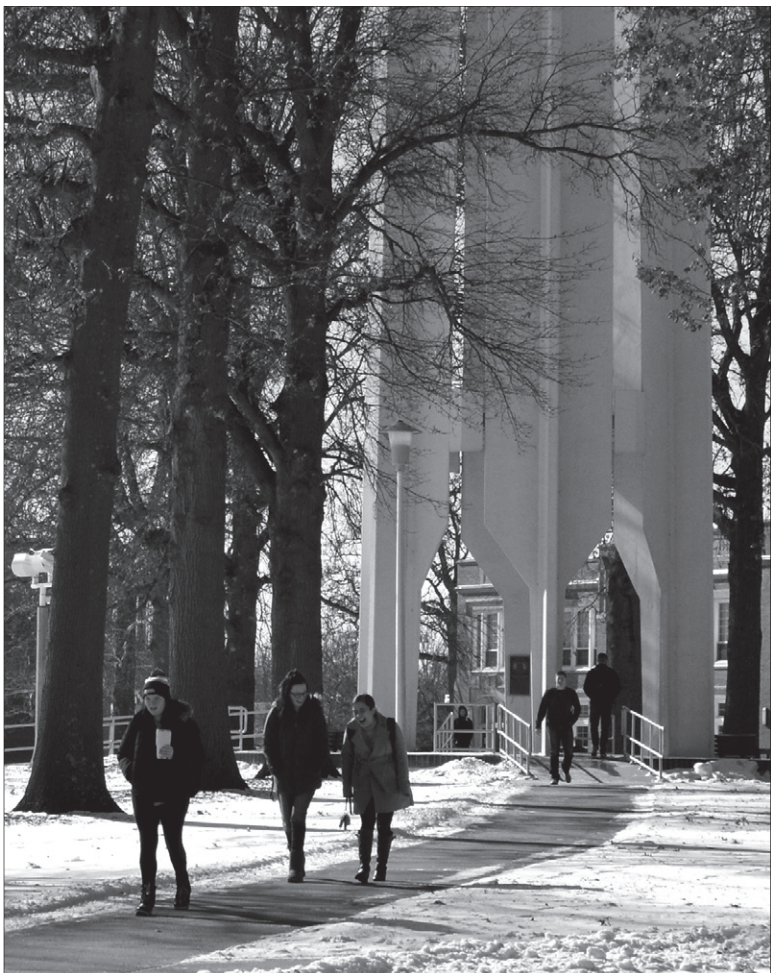
Still, there are things owners can do to make sure their pet is safe.

For animals that spend a majority of their time outside, it’s important to make sure they have enough materials.

“If they’re going to be outside, they are going to need to have proper housing: straw, blankets, heated water if possible, plenty of fresh water and make sure they get plenty of food,” Yapi said.

For pets that are not as used to being outdoors, there are more precautions to be aware of.

“Watch out for the rock salt because that can burn (a dog’s paw,” Yapi said. “Maybe get them a jacket if the windchill is really bad, especially if they are accustomed to being out there. Also, don’t leave them out there for hours on end. Let them out to go to the bathroom, and then let them back in.”



Experts advise protecting yourself and pets against the bitter cold. Taken Jan. 16. DARCIE BRADFORD | NW MISSOURIAN

**DRUNK DRIVING**  
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“So you’re here, this is your first semester here at Northwest, we want to give everyone the tools to be safe and to keep themselves safe. So we do talk about knowing your limit and using our Safe Rides program. So within the first few days of being here, you get that saturation.”

There is also alcohol education incorporated into the online Title IX training and a unit on wellness in University Seminar.

“Throughout the academic year, we do social norming campaigns and other major projects to

really communicate this as effectively as we can,” Taylor said.

During the fall semester, the Wellness Center held several major events including an alcohol-free, family-friendly tailgate in September and a ‘Late Nite Dine’ event in the community in October.

They also promoted a social norming campaign with posters illustrating that the majority of Northwest students do not choose to drink and drive.

“We’re actually really excited that some of the data here at Northwest says that the vast majority of students—currently 83 percent—won’t even drive after one drink, so we hope to see that

grow every year.”

Drunk driving fatalities have decreased by more than a third in the last 30 years nationally, according to the NHTSA, and between 2005 and 2014, there was a decrease each year in both fatal accidents and accidents causing injury involving alcohol in Missouri. In 2005 there were 266 fatal crashes involving alcohol, and in 2014 there were 189 according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Statistical Analysis Center.

The thought that anyone’s life could be taken by a drunk driver in an instant sits well with no one, but through education and prevention, the streets of Maryville can be a little bit safer.

**AWARD**  
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Many processes necessary for this qualification were already in place at St. Francis, it was only a matter of documentation and reporting.

Having earned this recognition, the hospital must commit itself to continuous quality improvement. The staff is all the more inspired to keep care at a high standard and centered around the patient.

“It is very motivating and rewarding...,” Anderson said. “We are actively looking at what else we can do and what are next mile-

stone can be.”

The SSM Health Group is no stranger to national recognition. Its past and present are littered with awards. This includes, but is not limited to, the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the nation’s top honor for quality management and achievement, the Press Ganey Award Guardian of Excellence and multiple High Value Health Care Citations of Merit.

The continued acknowledgment of the hospital’s qualifications and remarkability demonstrates that the hospital has the help, personnel and resources necessary to properly provide for its patients.

# Blotters for the week of Jan. 18

**Maryville Department of Public Safety**

**Jan. 6**

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 500 block of North Laura Street.

**Jan. 9**

A summons was issued to **Derek Nelson**, 21, from Kansas City, Missouri for possession of drug paraphernalia at the 1100 block of North College Drive.

**Jan. 10**

There is an ongoing investigation for someone leaving the scene of the accident at the 100 block of North Buchanan Street.

**Jan. 12**

A summons was issued to **Jason Jackson**, 35, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

**Jan. 13**

A summons was issued to **Kase Crittten**, 19, from Gallatin, Missouri for disorderly conduct and minor in possession at the 100 block of West Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny from a motor vehicle at the 600 block of South Dunn Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for a dog at large at the 200

block of North Grand Avenue.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny from a motor vehicle at the 600 block of West Halsey Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny from a motor vehicle at the 500 block of West Halsey Street.

**Jan. 14**

There is an ongoing investigation for someone leaving the scene of an accident at the 400 block of East Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny from a motor vehicle at the 700 block of North Depot Street.

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# HOROSCOPES



**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, if a special opportunity or circumstance comes your way, jump at the chance to be a part of it. Such opportunities might not come along too often, so enjoy the ride.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, a newfound devotion to exercise may improve your life in many different ways. If you have been vacillating on whether or not to embrace a new lifestyle, just do it.

**GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**  
An unexpected situation has put you out of your element, Gemini. For now you can simply go with the flow and see how things work out. Don't let this get the better of you.

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, dabbling in a few different projects may give you a unique perspective and the inspiration to take things in a new direction. Keep putting out those feelers.

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, you have just about sold one of your ideas and now it's just a matter of being patient. Soon the results will support your vision, and you can enjoy the fruits of your labors.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Let other people's perceptions roll off you like water off of a duck's back, Virgo. To get the full picture, you need to immerse yourself and make up your own mind.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, take a few steps back and think about whether or not a new approach is needed regarding a specific situation. Thinking logically instead of emotionally may help.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, take a day to recharge your batteries if you feel your energy stores are running low. You may not need an extended vacation to do so, just a day to relax.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, looking within yourself can help you get a grasp on your situation and your future. Make the most of this introspection and use it as a catalyst for positive change.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Take certain things with a grain of salt, Capricorn. Until you can flush out the facts, there is no point in worrying or passing judgement. Be patient and things will come to light.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Find more time to explore an important relationship, Aquarius. Don't overlook the importance of date night. Make time for this important person even if it requires sacrifices.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, do something unexpected this week and watch as those around you are inspired by your willingness to try new things.

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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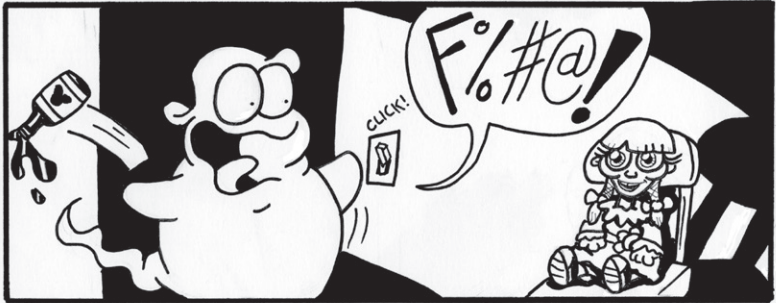
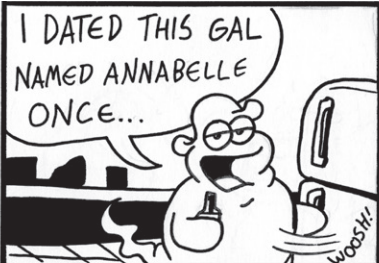
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# DIVERSIONS

## Paranormal Inactivity



COLIN VAUGHAN | NW MISSOURIAN

# PETS OF THE WEEK

## LARRY & MIDNIGHT



**Larry**  
**Age:** 1 yr.  
**Weight:** Big Boi  
**Dream Job:** Chick-fil-A Mascot



**Both Like:**  
Long Walks in the Pasture  
Taking Baths  
Tummy Rubs

**Both Dislike:**  
Being Away from Home

### Midnight

**Age:** 13 human years (91 dog years)  
**Weight:** How Impolite of You to Ask  
**Dream Job:** Professional Napper



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# CROSSWORD

By MetroCreative

### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Methaqualone pill (slang)
- 5. Religious service
- 9. Woodland gods (Greek myth.)
- 11. "Where Is My Mind?" rockers
- 13. Deliberately contrary states of affairs
- 15. Inflection of the voice
- 16. "Great Expectations" character
- 17. Becomes a butterfly
- 19. Spoke
- 21. Tennis player Sharapova
- 22. Midway between northeast and east
- 23. Afrikaans
- 25. No instruction set computing
- 26. Pacific Standard Time
- 27. Relaxing places
- 29. Confiscates
- 31. Gladys Knight's fellow performers
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. Taking place in a series
- 36. Satisfy
- 38. Freshwater fish of N. America
- 39. Laments
- 41. "Girls" creator Dunham
- 43. Indian title of respect
- 44. Cocoa plum
- 46. Network of nerve cells
- 48. Link together in a chain
- 52. Cool 70s crew "The \_\_\_ Squad"
- 53. Persons engaging in energetic pursuits
- 54. Accumulation of glacial debris
- 56. Fastened
- 57. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 58. Whiskey and bread are two
- 59. Scottish tax

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### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Rope used to lasso
- 2. Idyllic places
- 3. Field force unit
- 4. Guitar great Clapton
- 5. Slang for type of skirt
- 6. Figure skating jump
- 7. Innocent
- 8. Mathematical ratio
- 9. Slowly drinks
- 10. Line where edges meet
- 11. Offices of the pope
- 12. Dry or withered
- 14. "\_\_\_ the Man" Musical
- 15. Difficult situations
- 18 Greek goddess of discord
- 20. Marked by smartness in dress and manners
- 24. Habitat
- 26. Annoy constantly
- 28. Full of life
- 30. Great energy
- 32. BBQ and soy are two
- 34. Virtuous
- 35. Not fatty
- 37. Foes
- 38. Merchandiser
- 40. Dishonest scheme
- 42. Repents
- 43. Protective crust
- 45. Native American people
- 47. Any place of bliss or delight
- 49. Bring up
- 50. Birds
- 51. Geological times
- 55. Consumed



# WHO IS SAC?

## Council aims to clear up confusion

MICHAEL CRIFE  
A&E Editor | @MikeCrife

Simplified from the acronym, it is the Student Activities Council, a group responsible for coordinating a number of different campus events for students. What many may not realize though is SAC is a group of students tirelessly working to provide specific and varied entertainment to students.

It's all about specially tailoring plans to the wants and needs of the Northwest student population. Grocery Bingo, Cosmic Bowling and the fall or spring concerts are the most prominent SAC events students can take part in.

Grocery Bingo offers students the opportunity to enjoy themselves while also giving them the chance to win the always-practical reward of groceries. On the other end of things, concerts and cosmic bowling are events almost strictly made to give students an outlet to hangout, connect and have fun.

It sounds simple enough. At least, to some students, SAC sounds as easily coordinated as throwing darts at a dartboard just to see what sticks.

For SAC Vice President Asma Hassan, sophomore psychology and human services major, deciding when events happen isn't just a difficult task. To her, there is nothing more difficult.

"I think the hardest thing I've encountered is setting the date of events," Hassan said. "There's so much that Northwest provides that I would like every student to have the opportunity to attend."

Drawing attention to the many events SAC puts on can be difficult, and student interest is paramount to SAC's success. The organization is, after all, the 'Student' Activity Council.

Some students may recall the email they received from SAC over the weekend asking for input on how the council should decide when concerts happen and who the talent is.

Complaints about the spring and fall concerts are common among student discourse online and on campus. 'There needs to be rock artists,' 'where is the variety' and 'who chooses this stuff' are just some examples of the thoughts students have around the concert seasons. SAC has seen these, and their email survey was an attempt to answer some of these complaints.

Sophomore transfer student Jason Rusten says he understands why SAC has made some of their decisions.

"I have talked with some friends who were displeased with the fact that there seems to be a plethora of country artists," Rusten said. "I think SAC should continue what they are doing because I know money is key, but I also think they should mix it up a bit."



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Attendance for the Chase Rice concert held Dec. 8, 2017 was 1759, just down from the Hunter Hayes concert attendance of 1901 in fall 2016.

Though Rusten is supportive of SAC and can kind of see where they are coming from, he can also see where some of the complaints are stemming from too. Money will always be an issue, but mixing it up will at least show students SAC is always looking for answers.

Ali Stott, junior, public relations major and SAC's media relations director, was the SAC concert director for three years. Stott has been vocal about the work that goes into coordinating concerts and

is more than willing to communicate with students who are confused about the process. One thing she did learn from being concert director though is that making everyone happy is impossible.

"I have seen many rumors that large artists such as Logic and Kendrick got turned down for Chase Rice," Stott said. "To set those rumors straight, they did not get turned down for Chase Rice. The first choice on the last survey was Lil Dicky. We sent him an offer and he did not have the desire

to tour at the time. This aspect of the process is completely out of SAC's control."

She goes on to explain how the artist, hospitality, production, hiring security, hiring an EMT on site and a middling agent fee all take up portions of the budget. She says larger scale artists will sometimes require the use of Bearcat arena, which takes nearly 25 percent of the budget right off the top.

Stott explained how artists like Logic, for example, are listed at around \$300,000. An artist like

this would cost nearly triple the SAC budget.

Students are still quick to criticize though, stating that even if SAC had the budget to bring these artists in, they would stick to displeasing everyone. To this, Stott has a few words.

"Students are not aware of the extent of money and time it takes to plan a concert at a university," Stott said. "This is why we highly encourage students to attend our meetings so they can have a better understanding of what SAC does to plan our events. The more ideas, the better."

As Stott said, SAC is more than willing to listen to what everyone has to say, and showing up to their meetings every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Union Boardroom is one of the most direct ways to accomplish this. Anyone who cannot attend these times can direct comments and concerns to SAC's email at [sac@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:sac@nwmissouri.edu).

In order to put a larger focus on making sure students leave happy, SAC has shifted their priorities in the past years to lean more toward quality events rather than hitting a number of events.

Shyla Kallhoff, junior and human services/Spanish double major, is the current president of SAC and explained further how SAC makes some of its decisions.

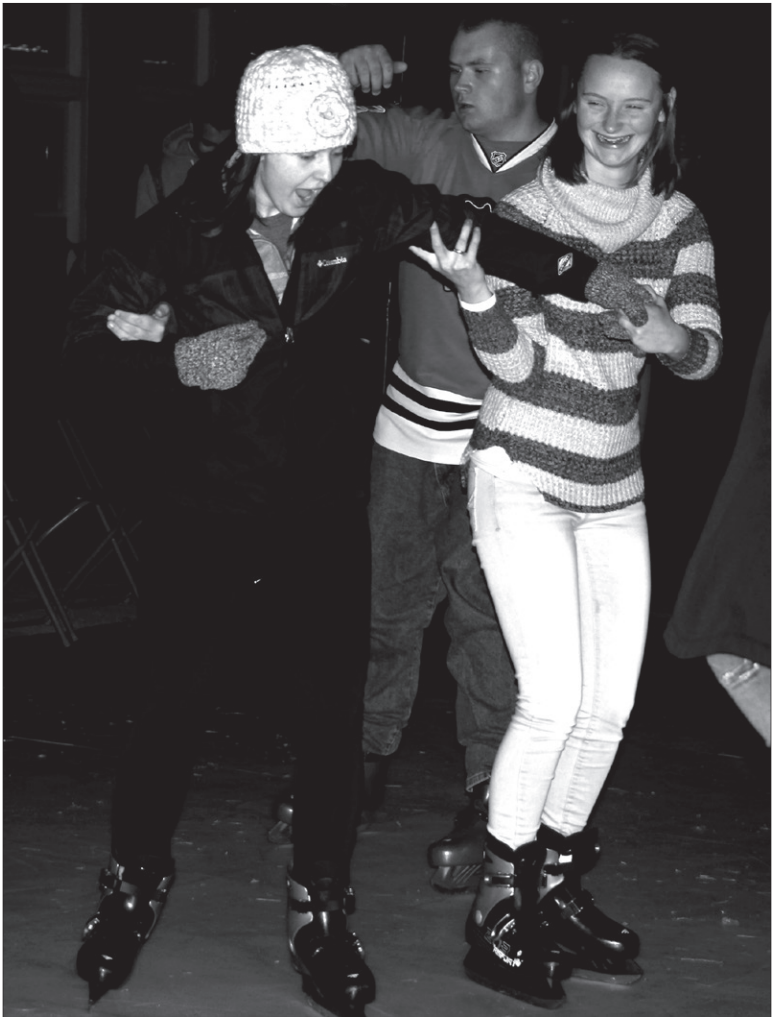
"We have rid our bylaws of minimum event requirements that each director needs to plan, and instead have encouraged directors to think about the outcome of each event," Kallhoff said. "Now, we focus on how it will positively impact students, instead of trying to crank out events just to meet the minimum number. We gauge student interest by sending out a survey to every student who swiped in at our event, and then we analyze that data after the event on a more direct basis."

Kallhoff went on to describe how SAC has impacted her, and why, despite criticism, she feels it is a huge positive force on campus.

"The best single part of SAC to me is seeing the students reaction or attitude change after our event. I love seeing the students have a good time at our events, learning something or just having fun and socializing with others," Kallhoff said. "I just want students to know that SAC is working for the students, not against them."

Besides the open-to-student-input meetings, SAC largely works behind the scenes. The group still keeps up with every bit of criticism they see, regardless of how often student think their opinions are ignored.

Even though SAC will always be shifting focus to meet student expectations, they will never change from being a student-run council.



TAYLOR JOHNSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Maizey Lang helps friend Danielle Dyer keep her balance while ice skating at SAC's event held Nov. 3, 2017.



MORGAN JONES | NW MISSOURIAN

Priscilla Cummins uses pretzel sticks and marshmallows to construct a cupcake resembling a campfire at SAC's Cupcake Wars event in November.



# MLK Day celebrated with brunch

JAMES CHRISTENSEN

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While it may have been below freezing outside one group of people kept the spirit of diversity alive.

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion sponsored a number of activities in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day for the Maryville community. These activities ranged from a day of service on Monday to a screening and discussion of the movie Selma on Wednesday.

Starting the MLK Jr. commemoration week was a Day of Service in conjunction with Lettuce Dream a charity here in Maryville that helps produce vegetables for members of the community as well as the Bearcat dining services.

Gabbi Ray a Coordinator for Diversity and Inclusion came up with the idea for Martin Luther King Jr. Day to have a community service aspect.

“MLK day has always been about ‘a day on’ not ‘a day off’ and was created around the idea of service projects. I wanted to get back to the meaning of the day this year,” Ray said. “Being able to volunteer at Lettuce Dream was such a great time and an even better experience.”

Ray felt that they had amazing involvement from the campus community.

“We had a great turn out of over 30 students, faculty and staff show up to volunteer at Lettuce Dream,” Ray said. “Including President John Jasinski, Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Dr. Simmons, Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Matt Baker and Chief of Police, Clarence Green.”

The day culminated with the 7th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Brunch. The brunch pre-



TAYLOR LEGRONE | NW MISSOURIAN

Carleane Hawkins speaks of encouragement to students and faculty at the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Brunch held in the Student Union Ballroom Monday, Jan. 15.

sented music from the Northwest Gospel Choir and a keynote address from Carleane Hawkins.

Hawkins is a 1997 graduate of Northwest and has gone on to work in the field of Human Resources. Hawkins was excited to return to her alma mater and give a presentation to Bearcats young and old.

“When you are younger and in the seats, you hope that one day you get come back to your college and present and that happened to-

day,” Hawkins said. “To be back at my college, I didn’t necessarily think it would happen, but I wanted it and it was absolutely wonderful.”

Hawkins is the founder and principal consultant of the CAM-DY Group, which specializes in executive career coaching and professional advancement.

Hawkins felt it was important she got to come back and see how much Northwest has changed since she graduated.

“The biggest change is truly getting to meet with the Diversity and Inclusion office, compared to August when I came to do the training for the minority leadership group,” Hawkins said. “I was blown away, that thinking the faculty was so diverse, and it is a big deal that it (the faculty) is has more than Hardy’s, McDonald’s and Church’s.”

Overall Hawkins wanted to remind everyone the messages of Martin Luther King Jr. are still rel-

evant to today.

“There are things that we take for granted like going to school, and realizing that there are girls around the world that by the age of fourteen are married, and by fifteen they are having children,” Hawkins said. “They don’t have options, but here we have options that we sometimes think are rights and they are not. We are lucky to be here at this time and we have the freedom to go to school, and that your voice does matter.”



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Northwest Dance Company members Sierra Horan and Kellie Higley lift Chandler Peterson while Allie Coley performs on the floor beside them.

## Dance Company opens spring auditions to students

CORIE HERTZOG

A&E Reporter | @CoffeeGilmore97

Through leaps, turns and challenges, the Northwest Dance Company started the semester with auditions.

Students gathered on the third floor of Martindale Hall at 8 p.m. for the auditions. The choreographers had specific things they were looking for. For junior Olivia Daley, a choreographer and historian for Dance Company, it comes down to more than just talent.

“We look at overall dance ability and willingness to take correction,” Daley said. “Additionally, choreographers look for effort. If someone is genuinely trying their hardest to learn and perform, then it shows the choreographers that they are going to put effort into learning their dance during the semester.”

The choreographers also look for more than people being able to keep time to music. They also look for people to keep a positive attitude.

“We also look for people with good attitudes and friendliness,”

Daley said. “We want Dance Company to be a positive environment.”

For some, dancing can be exposing so having a positive, friendly place can help ease those nerves.

Dance Company is a student organization made up of people from all majors and dancing backgrounds. For biomedical science junior Kaleb Elwood, he never danced before his first audition last semester.

“I had a good friend in Dance Company,” Elwood said. “I showed up with my friend, but didn’t know anyone. I didn’t know what was going on. I never really danced before, so I had no clue what to expect.”

While there are two types of people in Dance Company, partner dancing and the more competitive side, Elwood focuses on partner dancing.

“They taught us simple moves for the couples,” Elwood said. “And with that there was no pressure. There wasn’t that many boys trying out so it didn’t feel like it was going to come down to skill. It

was more of if you wanted to do it. I wouldn’t say I was nervous, but it was fun. I was trying something new.”

Dance Company does multiple events throughout the semester.

“We have tryouts and our semester shows,” Daley said. “We also do various fundraising events, like our annual bar night. Each member also participates in various philanthropy events around campus throughout the semester.”

Be it for fun or tied to religious or cultural roots, dancing has been a staple in cultures all over the world. Some dances go back before Common Era, with some of the earliest documentation dating back to a 9,000 old cave painting in India. While it’s been stated math is the universal language, the argument could be made dance is the universal art. It was used to tell stories. Though now it comes down to personal enjoyment rather than having deeper connections.

Dance Company provides a space for students to dance and build friendships to last beyond the four years of Northwest.

### THE STROLLER:

## Your Bearcat wants a freaking snow day

It amazes me that the ones who can sit cozy behind their plush and probably warm desk are the ones who get to decide whether we die or not. As the news channel describes the weather of Maryville, Missouri to be colder than Antarctica, literally, can cause frostbite in less than ten minutes to exposed skin and hypothermia and death as risk of the negative 20-something degree weather, the only thing that saved us all was an off-campus water leak. Let’s be honest Northwest administration, without the water leak, we would’ve been forced to endure the cruel and unusual punishment of suffering through

the dreadful tundra Maryville has become. I truly believe that God heard all of our prayers and pleading. I know Her heavenly voicemail was probably filled with hysterical Northwest students, pleading, “I don’t want to freeze to death, I don’t want to lose my fingers. I’m only 20, I’m not ready to die yet!” I am sure this will happen again and let me say this: if I get frostbite on my face and the tip of my nose falls off, I am going to sue you. If my toes and fingers turn black and breakoff like icicles on the side of a house, I am going to sue you. If I catch hypothermia and die, I am going resurrect myself and, you guessed

it, sue you. Don’t worry, the administration won’t be the only ones. I will also sue any professor that even attempts to send me a “Class will continue as scheduled, at it’s normal time,” email. Now, considering I’m not willing to miss a whole semester of classes this close to graduation, I will show up, just to sulk, and possibly curse at you. I’d advise you all to strap in tight, because hell is going to break loose if I suffer one more day of this torture. I am reporting you all to my mother.

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Senior Jackson Sanders goes in for the takedown against teammate Jacob Search during practice on Jan. 9 at Maryville High School. Maryville hosts the MEC Invitational all day Jan. 20

# Flu bites ahead of MEC tournament

TRENT SPINNER  
Chief Reporter | @trentspinner

Maryville wrestling is hoping to take a new lease on life after a disappointing showing in the last tournament before the Midland Empire Conference tournament.

The Spoofhounds suffered a sting in the Plattsburg tournament falling victim to illness and scheduling conflicts, while the MEC tournament waits as the next big challenge on the horizon.

Midwest Missouri is hitting all the frozen marks it can as thermostats stay consistently hovering around the single digits and negatives. One thing that is commonly known is once that freezing weather hits, so does the flu bug. This unwanted guest made an appear-



ance in none other than the wrestling ring this past week.

“There was a little bit of sickness and flu going around,” coach Kody Koster said. “Jackson Sanders was one that couldn’t even make it ‘cause he was so sick. A few other guys said that they weren’t feeling good, but they would try to give it a go, and one was gone, it was just a bad tournament for us.”

These circumstances from the flu bug to double booked wrestlers left the Spoofhounds in a vulnerable place as they faced off against some of the best wrestlers in the state. As the absences piled up, many freshmen were thrown into the loop as they faced fully loaded varsity squads.

With the combination of it all, Maryville left the Plattsburg tournament empty-handed and disap-

pointed by the results. Freshman Connor Weiss was the lone Spoofhound to wrestle in a medal match, but ended up falling just short, finishing sixth in the 138 pound weight class.

“I could have done better than I did,” Weiss said. “In my medal match, I didn’t really perform as well as I could have, just dumb mistakes I could have fixed easily.”

After an confidence-diminishing tournament, there is only one thing that this team can do to comeback their past and that is resilience. As the flu bug dissipates from the Maryville wrestlers systems, the team can get back to full strength with the MEC tournament coming up this Saturday. One absence from the previous tournament that makes all the difference in the world is senior Jackson Sanders, who is back and ready to

avenge his third place finish last year in the MEC tournament.

Not only is this Spoofhound team on the up and up from their recent string of illness, but is gifted with a solid opportunity in home mat advantage at the MEC tournament.

“Coming into this next weekend, we start fresh,” Koster said. “This is a home tournament... the kids should be just tickled pink to be wrestling in front of a home crowd.”

Geared up and ready to go, all the wrestlers know that this is their

NEXT GAME
<b>MEC Tournament @ Maryville</b>
<b>High School</b>
Jan. 20 @ 10:00 a.m.

chance to make a statement in the MEC. From freshman to seniors, this team is getting prepared in any way they can to push the envelope and make their names known in their respected conference.

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# Track opens 2018 on strong note

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Northwest indoor track and field finished off the Graduate Classic in Lincoln, Nebraska with consistent performances from both sides.

Despite competing against Division I athletes in many events, the Bearcats battled and continued their strong start to the season. Coach Scott Lorek said his concerns from break were put to rest.

“We were really concerned with coming back last week how they would be overall with training over Christmas break,” Lorek said. “It was pretty good, an exception here or there, but the break was tough weather-wise and I’m really proud of what they did on their own.”

One standout performer for the Bearcats was sophomore Jordan Hammond. She posted a time of 57.22 in the open 400-meter dash taking second place. The surprise developed when Hammond crossed the line in the 60-meter hurdles. Placing third with a time of 8.87, she finished behind two Division I runners.

The men’s side of the meet saw senior Brandon Phipps return to form in the 5000-meter race. After suffering an injury at the end of cross country season, Phipps first action resulted in a second place finish with a time of 14:52.80.

Phipps says he knows he is a long way from where he wants to be, but was happy with his return.



Junior sprinter Zenova Harris finished the 2017 outdoor season with four top-eight finishes in the MIAA Outdoor Championship.

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# Women getting closer to another win

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Northwest basketball eyes to move on past two of their greatest performances of the year.



Bearcat women’s basketball (1-15, 0-8 MIAA) had two games over the long weekend ending in two nail-biting losses. The Bearcats nearly beat No. 12 Central Missouri Monday Jan. 15 losing 71-58 after a fourth quarter surge by the Jennies.

The Bearcats came close to beating Southwest Baptist Saturday Jan. 13 losing 75-70.

“I was able to make it through at least the first half of film, and I thought our overall effort and how well we were engaged was great to see,” head coach Buck Scheel said. “Going against a team that beat us by 30 plus down at their place, and I knew we were going to give them a better shot than what we did the first time.”

The Bearcats have struggled in recent games in the fourth quarter. In the past four games, the Bearcats have been out scored 94-69 in the fourth, including a 16-point differential against Southwest Baptist Jan. 13 in the fourth.

“We’re just waiting for that breakthrough,” freshman guard Jaelyn Haggard said. “Every day, every practice, every game we’re growing, we’re building. I can see the improvement every single day; we’re going to get that win here soon.”

Haggard has led the Bearcats

## NEXT GAMES

Northwest @ Nebraska Kearney

Jan. 18 @ 5:30 p.m.

Northwest @ Fort Hayes State

Jan. 20 @ 2:00 p.m.

this season on the offensive end averaging 12.9 points per game.

After 16 games, Haggard is shooting 35.5 percent from the floor and 35.3 percent from behind the arc in her first season as a Bearcat.

Haggard has started every game of the season for the Bearcats racking up 31 assists and 10 steals and is averaging 32 minutes a game.

However, Haggard has struggled with turnovers this season giving up 49.

“Here lately, she has done a better job of not stranding herself by picking up her dribble when being pressured,” Scheel said. “Like I told her yesterday, she just has to continue to embrace that, because everybody we go against is going to be pressuring here the entire time.”

The Bearcats leave these good performances behind as they look to pick up their first conference win when they head to Nebraska-Kearney Thursday Jan. 18.

This is Scheels second time going to Nebraska-Kearney, and for most of the girls on the team, it will be their first.

“It’ll be interesting,” Scheel



Northwest Junior Macy Williams drives around Southwest Baptist sophomore Bailey Rezabek in the Bearcat’s 75-70 defeat at Bearcat Arena Saturday, Jan. 13.

wsaid. “I haven’t been out to Kearney since my first year here, and I don’t think we have anybody on our roster who has played at Kearney, so it’s going to be a new gym for them to be in, totally new different atmosphere.”

The Bearcats continue their road trip after Kearney when they head to Fort Hays State Saturday Jan. 20. The Bearcats will return to Bearcat Arena to play Missouri Western Jan. 27.

“We give up a lot of experi-

ence and athleticism against a lot of the teams we are going against, and right now we just have to get smarter and put ourselves in better positions right from the start,” Scheel said.

# Freshman guard leading the way for Maryville

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To anyone across Maryville who has never heard of Serena Sundell, consider this your wakeup call. The freshman is leading the Maryville girls basketball team in nearly every statistical category, and she’s making it look easy in the process.



The point guard has been the Spoofhounds’ (6-9) leading scorer more often than not, adding 31 points in Maryville’s 64-60 loss to the Penney Hornets of Hamilton on Jan. 16. At 5’11”, Sundell is already taller than Northwest basketball star Justin Pitts.

Being blessed with such athletic ability could cause some to play with a certain degree of cockiness or arrogance, but the opposite is true for Sundell. The talented point guard has proven to be a renowned sportsman.

“She does it (plays basketball) very humbly,” Maryville coach Quentin Albrecht said. “She doesn’t do the things you see on T.V.; acting like Superman or Wonder Woman or whoever. She doesn’t give the three-in-the-eye when she knocks down a three. She’s a humble player.”

Sundell says her stoic figure and lack of celebration on the court isn’t necessarily on purpose, but is more about hustling back on defense.

“It just comes naturally,” Sundell said. “I know we have the next play to go for, so I don’t want to celebrate too much, just focus on the game.”

Sundell has consistently been the leading scorer for Maryville all season long. Oftentimes, it seems



Freshman Serena Sundell drives to the basketball against an East Buchanan defender during the matchup on Jan. 9 at Maryville High School.

the success of the Spoofhounds offense depends on whether or not Sundell’s shots are falling.

“It feels nice,” Sundell said of her 31 point performance against the Hornets. “I was just being aggressive. It didn’t really feel like 31, it felt like I was getting more assists, really.”

While her scoring is efficient and essential, Sundell’s effect on the game goes beyond her own point total. The freshman is a dynamic passer and has superior court vision.

“When I’m driving a lot, they

(the defense) are obviously sucking in, so I give assists,” Sundell said. “I get them (her teammates) open, feed them passes, screens, I see their cuts; all that helps me help them.”

Sundell’s coach has noticed her effect on the rest of the Spoofhounds. In an era of selfish basketball at the highschool level, Sundell strives to do whatever she can to help her teammates win.

“She makes everyone around her better,” Albrecht said. “She exudes a certain amount of confidence that bleeds over to all the

other girls. They have a tremendous amount of faith in Serena.”

Beyond her scoring, passing, and non-basketball qualities that make her an excellent player, another trait helps Sundell standout among her peers: her clutch gene.

In the final seconds of a close matchup with the East Buchanan Bulldogs Jan. 9, Sundell drew a tough foul to send herself to the freethrow line with the game tied at 46. In a moment when far more experienced players often crack under pressure, the young freshman buried two foul shots to put

the Hounds up 48-46. Maryville went on to win the game by that same score. In short, Sundell has ice in her veins.

Sundell was modest when reflecting on her clutch performance.

“We were trying to run an offense that wasn’t really working,” Sundell said of the clutch moment. “I was just being aggressive, trying to get the foul.”

While the humble guard would be slow to admit it, it is clear that her importance to the Spoofhounds cannot be overstated.

In Tuesday’s heartbreaking loss to the Hornets, Sundell fouled out just seconds after scoring her 31st point on a freethrow. The freshman left the Spoofhounds with a 60-56 lead and just under 53 seconds left on the clock. Maryville failed to score in her absence, allowing five points and surrendering the lead.

While many residents of Maryville have yet to learn her name, Sundell’s importance to the team has even been noticed by opponents.

“Obviously, teams are going to start knowing about me and changing up their defense to help stop me,” Sundell said. “I just have to keep getting in the gym on my off-time and stay aggressive.”

Sundell doesn’t plan on doing anything outlandish on the court to force her name into the town’s spotlight, but instead, she’ll let her play do the talking.

“I just try to be a leader on the court, make plays happen, communicate with teammates,” Sundell said. “Just focus on the game and nothing else.”

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## NW MEN’S BASKETBALL

### MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	13-3	7-0
NORTHWEST.....	15-1	7-1
Missouri Southern.....	11-6	6-2
Central Missouri.....	13-3	5-2
Central Oklahoma.....	12-5	5-3
Fort Hays State.....	11-5	4-3
Southwest Baptist.....	10-6	4-3
Emporia State.....	8-8	3-4
Lindenwood.....	11-6	3-5
Pittsburg State.....	10-7	3-5
Nebraska Kearney.....	6-10	2-5
Lincoln.....	8-9	2-6
Northeastern State.....	5-12	1-7
Missouri Western.....	3-12	1-7

### NABC DIVISION II POLLS

	Overall	Points
West Liberty (W Va).....	15-0	399
NORTHWEST.....	14-1	381
Lincoln Memorial.....	15-1	370
Queens (NC).....	16-1	339
Ferris State.....	18-1	330
Bellarmine.....	14-1	321
West Texas A&M.....	16-1	311
Northern State.....	18-1	290
Western Oregon.....	15-1	275
Texas A&M Commerce.....	14-1	239
Texas-Permian Basin.....	14-9	229
Virginia State.....	15-1	226
West Florida.....	15-1	215
Morehouse.....	14-0	180

## NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

### MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Central Missouri.....	13-1	7-0
Emporia State.....	11-3	6-1
Central Oklahoma.....	15-2	6-2
Pittsburg State.....	13-4	6-2
Missouri Southern.....	9-7	6-2
Nebraska Kearney.....	12-3	4-3
Washburn.....	12-4	4-3
Northeastern State.....	8-7	4-4
Fort Hays State.....	12-4	3-4
Missouri Western.....	10-7	3-5
Southwest Baptist.....	10-6	2-5
Lindenwood.....	9-7	2-6
Lincoln.....	3-13	0-8
NORTHWEST.....	1-15	0-8

## MHS

### REGULAR SEASON UPDATE

Boys Basketball (10-3, 1-1 MEC)

Next: Benton at Maryville  
Jan. 18 7:30 p.m.

Girls (6-9, 1-1 MEC)

Next: Maryville at LeBlond  
Jan. 18 6:45 p.m.

Wrestling

Next: MEC Tournament  
Jan. 20 9 a.m



# Volleyball's Bruder bound for Brazil

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Junior Maddy Bruder has been a standout on the Northwest Missouri volleyball team since her first season and was recently given a rare opportunity that could benefit her and the program.



Bruder was invited to play on the USA Division II Volleyball Team in Brazil May 14-23. This will give the junior a chance to play with some of the best volleyball players in Division II. She said being around other upper-level Division II talent would be beneficial for improving her skills.

“On the court it’s something that can help me in ways that staying in the states can’t in some ways,” Bruder said. “I just feel like I’m going to be able to learn so many things from different players from other conferences.”

The Bearcat is going into the experience with the mindset of hoping to soak up as much information she can.

“I’m also obviously excited to be under the wing of another coach and just learn,” Bruder said. “I’m just going to go into it with an open mind wanting to learn so much on how not only to improve my game but improve my leadership.”

Former Northwest volleyball player Miranda Foster has the same experience last season but wasn’t able to apply what she learned with her volleyball career having just ended. Bruder said Foster told her not being able to play again was her biggest regret.

“The biggest thing that she said that stuck with me was she wished she had another year of collegiate volleyball after the experience,” Bruder said. “I think that’s something that stuck with me because I was thinking about waiting until I’m done with college volleyball.”

This will be Bruder’s first time out of the country so she is just



Northwest junior Maddy Bruder has been selected for the USA Division II Volleyball Team tour in Brazil in May. She is raising funds for the trip on GoFundMe. MADI NOLTEI NW MISSOURIAN

hoping to take in as many sights that come her way.

“I’m just going into it with an open mind and where ever they take me just take it all in,” Bruder said. “I’ve never been to another country so I think I’m just going to take in as much as I can from the experience.”

Bruder’s faith plays a large role in her life so being able to see

Christ the Redeemer in person will be something she will treasure.

“In Rio I’m personally just really excited to see the Christ statue,” Bruder said. “I think I can grow in my faith just being able to see their love for God and Jesus. That’s a huge opportunity as well.”

Junior Bearcat Olivia Nowakowski expressed excitement for the opportunity her teammate and

friend gets to experience.

“I can’t wait to see what different volleyball perspectives she brings back from both a playing point of view and a coaching point of view,” Nowakowski said. “I’m so proud of her and I can’t wait to support her in this incredible journey.”

Bruder started a GoFundMe account to help her financially on the trip. The amount is currently

at \$510 with a goal of \$3,500. The junior said she feels blessed with the amount of support given to her.

“I’m just realizing how incredibly thankful I’m for all the people in my life,” Bruder said. “It just opens your eyes with such amazing people in my life.”



Maryville Junior Eli Dowis attempts to score on Falls City senior Rudy Vriska in the Spoofhound’s 53-48 win Friday, Jan. 12 at the Hound Pound. JAMES HOWEY | NW MISSOURIAN

## Maryville boys in mid-season form ahead of conference matchups

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The Maryville boys basketball team has its sights set on a mid-season matchup with St. Joseph Benton.

The contest will be the first meeting of the two teams this season and pits two talented squads together on the hardwood. Maryville coach Matt Stoecklein said that his team needs to focus on the fundamentals in order to be competitive with the Dragons.

“We need to handle their pressure and have confidence in ourselves to run our offense and take great shots,” Stoecklein said. “We also need to bring the energy for all four quarters.”

In mid to late-season form, the Spoofhounds are primed to make a final push towards district play. A win against Mid-Buchanan is the first step in that process. With eight regular season games left be-

fore district play begins, wins are at a premium. Stoecklein is confident in his team, but knows there is room for improvement.

“We are slowly getting to where we need be,” Stoecklein said. “Our mindset on defense is not what it needs to be in order for us to make a deep run in the play-offs and our offense also needs to improve. We have spent a lot of time on both these issues in practice and have noticed some small improvements.”

With only a month left in the regular season, improvements will have to be made on the fly with the season winding down and district play approaching quickly. Even with the proposed improvements on both sides of the ball, Stoecklein is pleased with the way his team has spread the ball around this season so far.

“We have been a very unselfish team and shared the ball great this year,” Stoecklein said.

The remaining schedule for the

NEXT GAME
<b>Benton at Maryville</b> Jan. 18 @ 7:30p.m.

Spoofhounds includes two meetings with rival Savannah, as well as matchups with Bishop LeBlond, Smithville, Cameron, and two with Benton. With wins already this season over Savannah and LeBlond, the Spoofhounds will look to continue that success in their upcoming matchups. The Spoofhounds will rely heavily on the leadership of their four seniors, as well as their five juniors to lead them into district play at full confidence and playing their best basketball of the season.

The Spoofhounds game against Mid-Buchanan, originally set to be played Monday Jan. 15, will be rescheduled at a later date to be determined. Maryville will host Benton at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18 at Maryville High School.

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# STARTING FRESH TO BE THE BEST

## Bearcat Steppers capture first Game Day national title

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At the beginning of the season, the Bearcat Steppers mindset was in a different place.

“Not many people showed up at tryouts and it was considered a rebuilding year,” junior stepper Madison Weaver said.

Former five-year Stepper Darbi Furham was named the new head coach and a fitting mantra for the 2017-18 campaign was born: ‘starting fresh to be the best.’

Fitting because nine months later, the Bearcat Steppers hoisted the program’s first national championship, making the steppers go-to year-long phrase, a reality.

“I think we were in a state of shock,” Weaver said.

This was the first year the Game Day event was included in the UDA National Championship program, placing them at the top of the competitions history for the foreseeable future.

In 2015, the Steppers snatched a top 5 finish in the Open Hip-Hop competition, capping a year to remember.



In 2016, the Steppers took a step back placing 11th place in both Open Hip-Hop and Open Jazz. A year later, they finished 12th in Open Jazz, and sixth in Open Pom, ending their second straight season of under-performing.

The feeling of disappointment had set in and it was a year the current Bearcat Steppers wanted to forget.

Fast forward to this season, and the feelings of shame and sadness was replaced with emotions of a much greater proportion.

While the Steppers captured first in Game Day, there was a result the team wanted even more.

In the sports world, winning first place or grabbing the gold medal is the most coveted of awards. For the steppers, a second place showing in the Open Pom finals earlier in the day, made for a much sweeter reward.

Senior captain Mikaela Vittoria described the confusion.

“The second in pom is a bigger accomplishment than the first place,” Vittoria said. “That’s a crazy (result). We were more excited about getting second place.”

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Four Bearcat Steppers Sarah Amos (far left), Mikaela Vittoria (middle left), Haley Klein (middle right) and Madi Weaver (far right) celebrate the team's 2018 UDA Game Day National Title.

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Junior forward Chris-Ebou Ndow slides past Central defender Clarence Smith in the Bearcat's 70-61 win at Bearcat Arena Jan. 15. Ndow grabbed a team-high six rebounds and 12 points.

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Northwest men’s basketball coach Ben McCollum knows just how tough the MIAA can be.

McCullum saw the worst of it through his first two years as coach of the Bearcats (2009-2011). Northwest finished those two seasons with a combined 15 conference wins.

In the 2011-2012 season, things began to shift as Northwest won 15 of its 20 conference games. History repeated two seasons later. And again. And again. And again.

“There’s really good coaching in the league,” McCollum said. “There’s good athleticism, good skill and top to bottom, you’re going to face that every single night.”

Over the past five seasons, the Bearcats (15-1, 7-1 MIAA



this season) have been struck by 12 losses within conference play. Missouri Southern has accounted for two, both on the road.

Northwest has not lost at Bearcat Arena since Jan. 10, 2015. Three years and 45 home wins later, suiters enter Bearcat Arena hoping to knock off the No. 2 team in National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) polls.

“Any team can beat you on any given night, even if you’re the No. 1 team in the country,” McCollum said. “I don’t think it’s that way in most leagues.”

While the Bearcats sit as the only member of the MIAA in the top 25 polls, Northwest does not control the conference.

Washburn (13-3, 7-0 MIAA) stands above Northwest as the last team to not lose a conference game this year. Two of the team’s three losses are to teams in the top 25 (No. 2 Northwest, No. 8 Northern State).

NEXT GAMES
<b>Northwest @ Nebraska Kearney</b> Jan. 18 @ 7:30 p.m.
<b>Northwest @ Fort Hays State</b> Jan. 20 @ 4:00 p.m.

“I think if, for instance, you go to a mathematical formula like Massey (sports computer ratings), I would guess the MIAA is the top one or two leagues in the country,” McCollum said.

The thing which sets Northwest apart from other members of the conference is its rich culture. Through the five years of its reign, three of the program’s five seniors have been along for the ride.

McCullum notes forward Chris Ebou-Ndow is a huge part of the team’s slant.

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# Jersey Junkies: An inside look at Bearcat football

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Before the Northwest football team steps foot on Mel Tjeerdsma Field, a Bearcat graduate and his team makes sure the home team looks a notch above the competition.

Graduate of Blue Springs South High School, football equipment manager Tucker Peve went through graduation last spring from Northwest and is now a graduate assistant for the football program.

From military appreciation to senior day, Peve has created a new uniform combination each week for the Bearcats to sport. Aside from the classic green-on-green combination, the Bearcats never wore the same uniform combination twice this year and Peve explained it’s their goal not to.

“We tried to add it up one time and it was well over 100 (combinations),” Peve said. “We pride ourselves on being the Oregon (783,360 possible combinations according to oregonlive.com) of Division II, we try to never wear the same thing twice.”

Peve’s combinations have been nationally recognized on ESPN programs like SportsCenter and College Gameday.



“That was good for the university,” Peve said. “Anything you see on national TV with the Bearcat brand is awesome to see.”

After stumbling upon the job, Peve explained his job as “the closest you can get to the sport without actually playing.” He expressed his love for what he does, and how it will be a career for him one day.

Away from Maryville, Peve was an intern for the Baltimore Ravens and helps the Kansas City Chiefs with training camp and game day equipment needs. Along with his internships, he assisted with the 2017 NFL Pro Bowl with the Chiefs’ equipment staff.

Peve and his team of student assistants take care of everything the football team possibly needs equipment-wise including laundry, field setup and packing for road games.

“It’s really a team effort,” Peve said. “What you see on social media and see the flash is really a cool side to Northwest football, but behind the scenes, there’s a lot of effort that goes into having that finished product on the field. It’s a lot of leg work, but it’s awesome to see it come to fruition on the field.”

During football visit days, the mannequins decked out in the lat-

est on-field Bearcat equipment draw eyes from recruits and even bystanders as they are passing by. Junior cornerback Anthony Lane explained the work that Peve and the equipment staff do at Northwest caught his eye and was a major draw to the program.

“It was a big factor,” Lane said. “Kids want to play with swagger; if you have that swagger on the field, it makes you feel good. I think equipment was very big in coming here, especially being from Florida.”

Visiting a school with as many uniform combinations such as Northwest can be overwhelming, but Lane explained how he was excited when he came through to see all of the different possibilities.

Even in the offseason, Peve’s work never stops. From passing out jerseys for upcoming spring practices to putting in new cabinets in the equipment room, Peve’s job is truly never over.

“Once you’ve mastered the big picture you can get down to the details and that’s how you separate yourself,” Peve said. “We’re always working for the 2018-2019 season, and we’ve got a couple new ideas brewing for next year: something neat and something that hasn’t been done in close to 10 years.”



Northwest Equipment Manager Tucker Peve fixes junior Anthony Lane’s helmet in preparation for the spring season.

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